

## Message

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**Sent:** 12/2/2016 5:53:50 PM  
**To:** Mark D. Johnson (mdjohnson@cdc.gov) [mdjohnson@cdc.gov]  
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**Subject:** FW: Public notice / The Times

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From: Carla Morgan  
 Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 12:05 PM  
 To: Lauren Cross  
 Cc: Frank Rivera  
 Subject: RE: Public notice / The Times

Lauren:

No. Neither the City, nor Redevelopment or ECHA is hiring anyone to focus on lead-based paint in the Superfund Zone, or related to the superfund. However - the City, by its Redevelopment Commission, is bringing on project managers to assist with an existing program, the Owner-Occupied Rehab Program, which helps homeowners rehab properties throughout the City. The focus is not on the Superfund Zone, but homeowners residing in the zone are welcome to apply for assistance through this program.

Redevelopment is hiring two more project managers to help speed up the process with the existing Owner-Occupied Rehab Program. The Owner-Occupied Rehab program provides funding to assist low income residents in rehabbing their homes and bringing them up to code. The assistance provided by Redevelopment is in the form of grants and/or loans to low income residents who meet income and other requirements. The home to be rehabbed must be owner-occupied. Eligibility for assistance is as follows:

- Residents at 30% or less of AMI (Area Median Income) are eligible for up to \$15,000 in grants to fund rehabilitation of owner-occupied residences
- Residents at 30-50% of AMI are eligible for up to \$10,000 in grant funding
- Residents at 50-80% of AMI are eligible for up to \$7,5000 in grant funding

If the amount of the grant is not adequate to cover all repairs, then residents may be eligible to supplement the grant with low interest loans under the program. Building code issues are prioritized in order to ensure that health and safety issues are addressed first with grant money. This may include removing lead-based paint hazard. Most other rehab work may also be funded, with certain exceptions. Work which is excluded from being funded under this program includes foundation repair, work on detached garages, or fences.

This program does not contemplate rehabbing city-owned or Redevelopment-owned properties within the Superfund Zone.

Thanks for your interest in the City,

Carla Morgan

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From: Lauren Cross [mailto:lauren.cross@nwitimes.com]  
 Sent: Friday, November 11, 2016 6:27 PM  
 To: Carla Morgan  
 Cc: Frank Rivera  
 Subject: FW: Public notice / The Times

Carla,

I sent this last week but didn't get a response. I'm resending this in case it got lost in the shuffle of the election (which I think blurred out the remainder of the week for many). I've CC'd Mr. Rivera, who was listed as the contact in the public notice also as executive director for redevelopment.

Has the city hired someone yet? And can you forward me the agenda for the redevelopment meeting for 5 p.m. Tuesday?

Thanks,  
Lauren

From: Lauren Cross  
Sent: Saturday, November 05, 2016 10:17 AM  
To: cmorgan@eastchicago.com<mailto:cmorgan@eastchicago.com>  
Subject: Public notice / The Times

Hi Carla,

Is the city hiring in an effort to rehab homes in zones 2 and 3? I understand many of them were built well before the 1950s, and many have lead-based paint (The city has addressed this in past annual plan documents.)

It says this contractor would work through the end of FY2016. When does that end for the city of East Chicago?

Would he/she be working on just city-owned properties? How many homes does the city own in the superfund site? Why is the city rehabbing these? I thought the plan was to tear them down and develop brand new?

I know you have a lot on your plate, but could you get these questions forwarded on to the right department and city personnel and have them answer them by Tuesday night? Hope that gives you enough time.

Thanks,

Lauren  
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF REDEVELOPM  
City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment Project Construction Manager The City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment is seeking a Projection Construction Manager to work as an Independent Contractor for the remainder of the 2016 fiscal year. Skills required: evaluate residential homes for rehab/remodeling, ability to write construction specifications, cost estimate & manage construction projects, prepare bid documents, solicit and review bids, proficient in Word & Excel, knowledgeable in Lead-Based Paint regulations, provide independent contractor services relating to residential and commercial inspecting, environmental remediation consulting, project estimating, bidding development, project reporting and project management services and other areas of expertise. Must also possess Construction Management Expertise or Education and Knowledge of State & local Building Codes. Send resume to frivera@eastchicago.com<mailto:frivera@eastchicago.com> by November 8, 2016. Equal Opportunity Employer. 1031, 11/1 - 20788750 - hspaxlp

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